

EMAW Testimonials

Jim Bolton - For the Love of Men and Multiplication



I have been involved in men's ministries for over 45 years starting off with being a counselor for boys at Christian and Boy Scout camps in the summertime to leading men's Bible studies in my home for many years. I have been in church leadership, attended many Sunday School classes, and have either led or been very active in many ministries over the years such as Campus Crusade for Christ (now CRU), Promise Keepers, Evangelism Explosion, and Stephen Ministries over that same length in time, but none of them have been as effective in helping me as a man to become better equipped to serve my Lord and Savior and His kingdom as Every Man a Warrior. This is my third year in this ministry, with the last two leading various groups and in fact this year, there are 48 guys involved in this ministry locally which are under my care (10 groups) of which I lead two of these groups. The picture above is my wife, Mary, and I in Croatia.

How has Every Man a Warrior transformed my relationship with God, my wife, church, and workplace:

EMAW has helped me develop a more disciplined quiet time and brought me back to scripture memorization. It was a practice I did years ago. EMAW has also strengthened my relationship with my wife Mary. My view of the role and responsibility I have within our church has changed for the better. I look at the workplace with a different set of eyes! His eyes!

Share your reasons for leading men through Every Man a Warrior:

- To help men improve their relationship with their Lord, family, in their workplace, in their communities, and in the church. It is my desire to see these men encourage other men to do the same by their example.
- To build up men to be accountable to Him, their families, and others. This is learned by the men as they come together for 32 weeks in their EMAW small groups.
- To help men see that life can be lived to the fullest if they are faithful and follow Him daily by being in the Word and doing Quiet Times, memorizing scripture, and praying.
- To help men become *spiritual leaders* for their families, church, workplace and in the world. It is a call to serve others in the spirit of Philippians 2:3-4: *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

What has been your experience in leading men through Every Man a Warrior:

- Many men who have completed EMAW have come to me saying that this ministry has been the most influential program in their lives and has helped them grow closer to God, their families, and the community around them. They are so appreciative of the invitation I extended to them to experience the transforming impact EMAW did in their lives.
- Most of the EMAW graduates mentioned that without the accountability of the other men in the group, they might not have been able to finish strong. They now have dedicated brothers in Christ for life.
- It has been truly a rewarding experience to hear the testimonies of the men who have completed EMAW. All I can say is, GLORY BE TO GOD! His kingdom is being built here on earth and it is moving. *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph.3:20-21)*

-Jim Bolton



Staff members of Jim's home church, Blythfield Hills Baptist Church in Rockford, Michigan. These men are being led in **Every Man A Warrior** by the newest deacon who brought this ministry to Blythfield seven years ago.